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SUBJECT: WEU ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE VISIT TO US

REF: A. STATE 30232; B. PARIS 4305; C. PARIS 4637

1. CONCUR IN CHANGE TO PRESS GUIDANCE SUGGESTED IN PARA
5, REF B.

2. FEBRUARY 16 REUTERS DISPATCH FROM BRUSSELS REPORTS
COMMENTS BY JULIAN CRITCHLEY, CHAIRMAN OF WEU ASSEMBLY
COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE AND ARMAMENTS, AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT
NATO HEADQUARTERS. ACCORDING TO REUTERS REPORT, CRITCHLEY
NOTED DURATION OF WEU ASSEMBLY VISIT TO US HAD BEEN
REDUCED AND SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ASSEMBLY HAD WISHED TO
VISIT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AT VARIOUS POINTS IN US,
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ASSEMBLY ;AD BEEN INFORMED THROUGH US EMBASSY PARIS THAT
VISIT WOULD BE LIMITED TO WASHINGTON. CRITCHLEY ALSO
REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED THAT US DECISION WAS REACHED BECAUSE
US WAS AGAINST ALLOWING COMMUNIST DEPUTIES ON COMMITTEE
EXAMINE ITS LATEST WEAPONS OR RECEIVE DEFENSE BRIEFINGS.
WE HAVE USED PRESS GUIDANCE IN STATE 30232 TO RESPONSE TO

QUERY FROM MANCHESTER GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT WHICH WAS
INSPIRED BY REUTERS DISPATCH. WE ARE ALSO NOTING THAT WE
ARE PLANNING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE BOTH MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON

AND TRIP TO OTHER POINTS IN US BUT THAT DETAILS ARE STILL
TO BE WORKED OUT. DUE TO FOLLOW-UP PRESS QUERIES, WE
WILL BE DEVELOPING PRESS GUIDANCE FURTHER, AND WILL BE
SENDING IT TO YOU SEPTTEL.

3. RESPONSE TO WEU ASSEMBLY STAFF ON APPORTIONMENT OF
VISIT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND OTHER POINTS IN US (PARA 3,
REF B), AND PARTICIPATION BY NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY
DEFENSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (REF C), WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.

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